Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know the action that the Government have taken in the matter?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott: It is part of the main coastal road from Trivandrum to the Cape, and is lying over at present owing to want of funds.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know when the proposal originated, *viz.*, the proposal to extend the beach road from Poovar to Colachel?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott: It forms the 6th, 7th, and the 8th sections of the coastal road from Trivandrum to the Cape.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: The question is whether there is a proposal to extend the beach road from Poovar to Colachel and the answer is 'Yes'. I want to know when that proposal originated?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I must ask for notice; I have the information in the file; but I fear it will take time.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I ask whether the proposal originated from the P. W. D. or from the Government?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: In regard to that also, I have to gather the information from the file.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know the approximate cost of this road?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: I cannot say now.

Expenditure on minor irrigation works in Chirayinkil taluk.

38. ***Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai** (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by them for carrying out minor irrigation works in Chirayinkil taluk for the last six years?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott:

	Rs.	Chs.	C.
1103	358	2	6
1104	4,198	17	11
1105	7,644	20	11
1106	8,440	1	2
1107	135	3	8
1108	2,931	15	2

Hindu depressed class students in colleges.

39. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of Hindu depressed class students in the several colleges of the State and the names of the colleges and the number of such students in each, specifying also the classes in which they are studying?

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Mr. R. M. Statham (*Director of Public Instruction*): Two in all the colleges. One Vadhiryar in the undergraduate section of the Training College, and one Sambavar in the Senior Intermediate class of the Science College.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I ask whether the students receive any concession from Government, and, if so, what it is?

Mr. R. M. Statham: The student in the Training College receives a stipend from Government; and the student in the Senior Intermediate class in the Science College has not got to pay any fees; he gets a full fee concession from the time he entered the college.

Surveyors engaged for tunnel work.

40. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the work of the Travancore surveyors and the contractors' surveyors appointed in connection with the tunnel survey, was satisfactory;

(*b*) whether it was due to the want of application from Travancoreans that the contractors' surveyors were also recruited; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Travancore surveyor was paid Rs. 35 and the contractors' surveyor 300 and odd rupees?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): May I answer in Malayalam, Sir?

President: Yes; a convention has been established.

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) The work of the surveyors employed was satisfactory. No contractors' surveyors were appointed.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*) this does not arise.

(*c*) Travancore surveyors were paid at the rate of Rs. 35 + 10 per mensem and in view of the reply to (*a*) the question of pay to the contractors' surveyors does not arise.

(The answer was read in Malayalam.)

Length of the tunnel to be constructed at Pallivasal.

41. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total length of the tunnel, in feet, as surveyed; and

(*b*) the length of the tunnel, in feet, when completed?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: (*a*) 10,201 feet.

(*b*) 10,134 feet of tunnel and 192 feet of cut and cover.

(The answer was read in Malayalam)

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